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## BRAZIL.

*Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, May 21 and 30:

Week ended May 17. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: May 14, the British steamship *Bellarden*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee and no passengers, and with no change in the ship's personnel; May 15, the British steamship *Corsican Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; and on the same date the Uruguayan bark *Vilasar*, for Brunswick, Ga., in stone and sand ballast (obtained here and of excellent quality), with no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew.

No other vessels left for United States ports during the period under report.

*Mortality—Plague and smallpox.*

Week ended May 17, 1908. Total estimated population, 628,675. Total deaths during the week, 328. Yellow fever, no cases reported and no deaths; plague, 4 new reported cases and no deaths; smallpox, 193 new reported cases and 75 deaths. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of plague under treatment and 233 cases of smallpox under treatment.

Week ended May 24. Vessels were inspected and received bills of health: May 18, the British steamship *Voltaire*, for New York, with 9 cabin and 1 steerage passengers, and 1 new member of the crew taken on in this port, and the German steamship *Corrientes*, for New York, with 8 cabin and 11 steerage passengers and 1 new member of the crew signed on here; May 23 the British steamship *African Prince*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee (as had the other two vessels named above) and with no passengers, but with 1 new member of the crew, and on the same date the British steamship *Apollo*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel.

All vessels leaving here now either for New York, or via Brazilian ports for New York, have all new members of the crews and all steerage passengers vaccinated as soon as they come aboard the vessel.

*Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Statistics of smallpox from date of outbreak.*

Week ended May 24. Total deaths, 339. No deaths due to yellow fever or plague, and no cases of either disease reported. Smallpox caused 78 deaths, with 171 new reported cases, making in all, from the beginning of the outbreak—that is, say, January 1, 1908—to date, 1,790 cases reported to the health department, with 731 fatalities from this cause.

At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 246 cases of smallpox and 2 cases of plague under treatment.